

Application No. 10/568,307
Amendment After Final dated November 13, 2009
Reply to Final Office Action dated September 15, 2009

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Final Office Action mailed September 15, 2009, prior to preparing this response. Currently claims 15-24 and 26-32 are pending in the application, wherein claims 15, 31 and 32 have been rejected, claims 16-28 and 30 are allowed, and claim 29 has been objected as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but otherwise indicated as allowable. Claims 15, 31 and 32 have been cancelled with this paper. Claim 29 has been amended into independent form, including all the limitations of claim 15. Favorable consideration of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for the favorable consideration of claims 16-28 and 30, indicating that these claims have been allowed. Furthermore, claim 29 was indicated as allowable if rewritten into independent form. In view of the favorable consideration of this claim, claim 29 has been amended with this response to place claim 29 in independent form, including all the limitations of claim 15. Favorable treatment of these claims is respectfully requested.

Rejections

Claims 15, 31 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor et al. (EP 1138268) in view of Zucherman et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,836,948). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Nevertheless, while Applicants do not concede the appropriateness of the rejection, claims 15, 31 and 32 have been cancelled with this paper, rendering this rejection moot. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims or claims of a similar scope in a continuing application.

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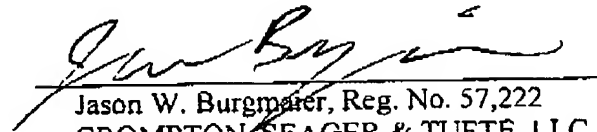
Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is submitted that all pending claims are currently in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is anticipated. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at 612.677.9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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By their attorney,

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